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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CUT-BACK IN WHITEHORSE PROGRAM

REFS: A. STATE 23994

B. STATE 240811

1. WE CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSAL (REF A). IN LINE WITH THE PLANNED REDUCTION OF THE THAI SGU PROGRAM AT YEAR END, A REDUCTION IN WHITEHORSE SUPPORT SEEMS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THESE NINE GUNSHIPS ARE UNIQUE MODEL HELICOPTERS WITH ONLY SPARE PARTS STOCK ALREADY LOCATED AT UDORN. THEREFORE THEY SEEM PRIME CANDIDATES FOR TURNOVER TO THAIS (PER REF B).

3. MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER, BEING THAI HOLIDAY, WE HAVE NOT YET TOUCHED BASE WITH RTG BUT ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY IF WE ARE ABLE TO INDICATE THAT UH-1M GUNSHIPS CAN BE MADE AVAILALBE TO RTG AS THEY ARE PHASED OUT OF SUPPORT ROLE FOR THAI VOLUNTEERS IN LAOS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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